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1. WE AGREE WITH MISSION ANALYSIS OF STATE OF ACTION IN
AREAS HIGHLIGHTED IN SACEUR'S COVER LETTER TO THE FLEXI-
BILITY REPORT. WASHINGTON ACTION IN THESE AREAS ALONG
LINES RECOMMENDED REFTTEL IS CONTINUING.

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2. BY SEPTELS WE HAVE STRONGLY SUPPORTED THE AUTUMN FORGE

SERIES AND OTHER MNC ANNUAL EXERCISE PROGRAMS; THESE CLEARLY DEMONSTRATE ALLIANCE SOLIDARITY. WE CANNOT OVEREMPHASIZE THE POLITICAL IMPORTANCE OF THESE EXERCISES AS VISIBLE DISPLAYS OF COOPERATION AND UNITY WITHIN NATO. THE MILITARY IMPORTANCE OF NATO INTERNATIONAL EXERCISES IS EQUALLY HIGH.

3. WE BELIEVE SPECIAL EMPHASIS BEING GIVEN BY US TO NATO COOPERATION IN LOGISTICS (STATE 17426) SHOULD ADD SOLID SUPPORT TO SEVERAL AREAS COVERED IN THE FLEXIBILITY STUDY. DEGREE OF SUCCESS WILL DEPEND ON INDIVIDUAL ALLIED WILLINGNESS TO ESTABLISH AN ORGANIZATION TO DEAL EFFECTIVELY WITH COMMON CONSUMER LOGISTICS PROBLEMS.

4. SIMILARLY THE SCEPC AD HOC COMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY THE US, WHICH IS REVIEWING THE METHODS AND MACHINERY REQUIRED TO PERMIT SCEPC BETTER TO ACHIEVE ITS CURRENT AIMS AND OBJECTIVES, AS WELL AS TO CARRY OUT THE RECENTLY ADOPTED MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE, SHOULD PROVE EQUALLY EFFECTIVE IN SUPPORT OF FLEXIBILITY. KISSINGER

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